

# Youth Leadership Program

Planning for the Youth Leadership Program was accomplished through a joint effort of the Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools. This program is a component of the “Closest to the People” initiative which was established to help young students in middle and high school understand the link between local government and their everyday lives, and to inspire them to become engaged citizens willing to share their ideas and bring their energy to help develop solutions to issues communities face in the new millennium.

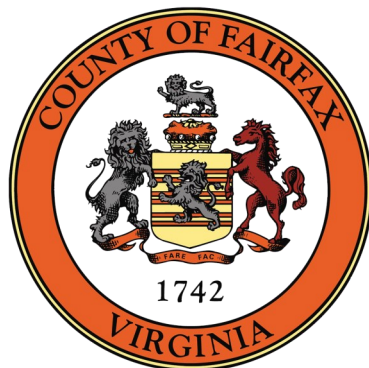
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## PROGRAM GOAL, SCHEDULE, AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

### *Fairfax County Youth Leadership Program*



*Preparing today's high school students to  
become tomorrow's community leaders*

*Sponsored by a partnership between  
Fairfax County Government and  
Fairfax County Public Schools*

*September 2017*

## PROGRAM GOALS / INFORMATION

The goal of the **Fairfax County Youth Leadership Program (YLP)** is to help high school students gain an understanding and appreciation of how local government impacts their everyday lives. The curriculum and activities are designed to develop citizenship skills and encourage participants to become active, involved citizens in the future.

Participants will learn how local government addresses community issues and helps people solve problems. They will meet key decision makers in government and gain insight into the services County government provides.

Through monthly meetings, a ***paid summer internship***, and site visits, participants will expand their knowledge of public service and their own community.

Most monthly meetings will take place at:  
Fairfax County Government Center  
12000 Government Center Parkway  
Fairfax, VA 22035

**Refreshments will be provided  
at each meeting.**

For more information:

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/  
youth-leadership-program.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/youth-leadership-program.htm)

## SCHEDULE

***Meetings are 3:45-6:00 p.m.***

**February 7, 2018**—*Introduction to Fairfax County and Getting to Know the Youth Leadership Program Class of 2018-2019.*

**March 14, 2018**—*Education and Human Services - Part I.*

**April 18, 2018**—*Human Services Part II - Poverty Simulation.*

**May 16, 2018**—*The Budget: Expression of Community Priorities.*

**July 9-27, 2018**—*Summer internships.*  
**STUDENTS MUST BE AVAILABLE  
ON THESE DATES IF THEY AGREE  
TO PARTICIPATE IN YLP.**

**September 19, 2018**—*Time for Fun: Cultural and Recreational Programs in Fairfax County.*

**October 17, 2018**—*The Judicial System and Public Safety.*

**November 14, 2018**—*Quality of Life: Land Use Policy and Environmental Services.*

**January 23, 2019**—*Graduation of the Class of 2018-2019.*

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

**ASSIGNMENTS:** Students will be asked to provide feedback and reflections after each meeting. Students will be required to present their knowledge of local government to 8th grade civics classes near the conclusion of the program.

**ATTENDANCE:** Students may have only one absence from monthly meetings during the year to qualify for graduation.

**INTERNSHIPS:** Students participating in the Youth Leadership Program will work a ***three-week paid summer internship*** in a County Department.

- **Students will earn \$1,000 for completion of the internship.**
- During these internships, student interns will be expected to arrive promptly at work each day, complete work assignments, and wear suitable attire for a business office setting.
- Internship assignments have often included the following Departments: County Attorney, FCPS, Parks, Community Centers, Animal Shelter, Sheriff, Finance, Public Safety Center, Board Member offices.
- **Please note the dates of the internship requirement directly conflict with the Governor's School Program. Students are unable to participate in both programs.**

**TRANSPORTATION:** Students are responsible for arranging transportation to monthly meetings and to the summer internship assignment.

**CANCELLATION OF MEETINGS:** If afternoon activities are cancelled by Fairfax County Public Schools, the Youth Leadership Program meeting scheduled that day will also be cancelled.

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**Applications are due by November 6, 2017**

All applications should be submitted using the following online tool:

**[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcylp](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcylp)**

Please contact Martha Reed with any questions at:

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